

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 were objected to. Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Nomura et al. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nomura et al in view of Nomura. Claims 2 and 4 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the informalities noted by the Examiner, claims 2 and 4-6 have been canceled and claims 1 and 3 have been amended with the subject matter of claim 2 incorporated into claim 1, and the subject matter of claim 4 incorporated into claim 3. Accordingly, in view of the indication of the allowability of claims 2 and 4, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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